



Metropolitan Housing Coalition NEWSLETTER

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MHC's Connector Connections

A diverse group of 128 individuals, ranging from ages 28 to 71, throughout the Louisville region have been recognized as **Leadership Louisville Connectors**. Connectors are those who are successful at getting things done in a distinctive style of trusted leadership.

People across Louisville and Southern Indiana nominated over 5, 500 individuals for this award. Louisville Leadership Center used a web-based survey and analysis to uncover a group of existing and emerging leaders throughout the community. This project is part of a signature initiative for the Leadership Louisville Center's 30th anniversary, and is an innovative way to honor individuals and leaders who inspire, create change and make things happen across our area!

On behalf of MHC staff and board, we would like to congratulate **Cathy Hinko**, MHC Executive Director, for being among this great list of community leaders. MHC has greatly benefited from her dedication and hard work. We would also like to acknowledge MHC members and supporters who received this award: Ann Coffey, Women 4 Women, Inc.; Khalilah Collins, Women in Transition; Kevin Connelly, Center for Nonprofit Excellence; Al Cornish, Norton Healthcare; Cathé Dykstra, Family Scholar House; Tom FitzGerald, Kentucky Resource Council; Bill Gatewood, Presbyterian Community Center; Suzy Post, retired from two social justice nonprofit organization (former MHC Executive Director); Benjamin Richmond, Louisville Urban League; Lynn Rippy, YouthBuild Louisville; Judy Schroeder, Metro United Way; Jack Trawick, Center for Neighborhoods; Denise Vazquez Troutman, Center for Woman and Families; Carla Wallace, Carl Braden Memorial Center and Fairness Campaign; Jane Walsh, Making Connections Network (former MHC Executive Director); Marita Willis, PNC Bank (former MHC board member); SteVon Edwards, Louisville Metro Dept. of Public Health and Wellness; Maria Hampton, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; Melissa Mershon, Louisville Metro; William Schreck, Retired Louisville Metro (former MHC board member); Dr. Adewale Troutman, Dept. of Public Health and Wellness; and Tina Ward-Pugh, Louisville Metro Council.



Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in Louisville

You can help create a blueprint to promote Fair Housing in Louisville Metro. The Louisville Metro Department of Housing is updating its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing as part of the Consolidated Plan- which is the plan of how to spend federal housing dollars over the next five years. MHC has been contracted to write the Analysis of Impediments document, but we can't do it alone! **We need you.**

By definition, fair housing covers any aspect of renting, purchasing and/or owning a home: advertizing, approval criteria, treatment by staff, loans, renter's or home owner's insurance. In short, it is anything to do with renting or owning.

The protected classes are: race, color, disability, national origin, sex, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and religion. The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing will identify barriers to fair housing choice in Louisville and outline action steps our government, businesses and residents can make fair housing choice a greater reality.

You can help.

Go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/SKXXQXH and take our survey to test your Fair Housing IQ and share your opinions. Though the survey isn't scientific, it is truly helping MHC get our finger on the pulse around this community-wide issue. In the coming months, there will be a time for public comment and a public hearing on both the Analysis of Impediments and the Consolidated Plan. MHC will do an e-blast to let you know when you can review these documents and make comments. Until then, give us your thoughts by visiting www.surveymonkey.com/s/SKXXQXH.

Celebrate Fair Housing Month by Honoring the KY Commission on Human Rights

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Doors at 4:45p.m., Program is from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Memorial Auditorium, Corner of 4th and Kentucky
Streets

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Blaine Hudson
Free and Open to the Public

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights (KCHR) has advocated for safe, fair, and affordable housing through a journey of civil rights for 50 years. This state agency works to ensure fair treatment, foster mutual understanding, and discourage discrimination. Their mission is to eradicate discrimination in the Commonwealth through enforcement of the Kentucky Civil Rights Act. The Commission has also enforced policies such as The Fair Housing Act, amongst other laws, since 1960.

Fifty years ago, before the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, the United States was vastly segregated due to the effects of discrimination. Looking back to “separate but equal” to the blatant sexual harassment of women, it is clear that we have come a long way, though MHC would say, not far enough. Today, due to the struggles of civil rights movements, women’s liberation movements and countless brave Americans, we have comprehensive civil rights laws, protections and enforcement. The Kentucky Civil Rights Act, passed in 1968, now covers seven protected classes: race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin and disability. And though there are notably classes missing, such as sexual orientation and gender identity, we certainly have much to celebrate. Look at how much we have accomplished in Kentucky over the last 50 years!

To honor this rich history, the Fair Housing Coalition, convened by MHC, will celebrate Fair Housing Month in April with an event in recognition of the commission’s 50th anniversary. The celebration will take place on April 13, 2010 and will begin at 5:00 p.m. at Memorial Auditorium. The key note speaker at this event is Dr. Blaine Hudson, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Louisville. Please join us in observing the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights 50th anniversary and to celebrate Fair Housing Month.

As part of this event, the **Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission** will have staff at this event to talk to individuals who have questions on how to file a discrimination complaint. They will also be taking formal complaints. **If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, please call Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission at (502) 574-3246 or participate in this event to file a complaint and receive free consultation.**

The Fair Housing Coalition is still in the planning phase of this program and is looking for other organizations who want to co-sponsor this celebration. Having that said, as of today, event co-sponsors include: **Metropolitan Housing Coalition, Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission, Multi-County Clients Council, American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee-KY Chapter, and the Fairness Campaign.** If your organization wants to sign on, please give Phoenix a call at (502) 584-6858.



Kentucky Commission on Human Rights
Comisión de Derechos Humanos de Kentucky

Cathy Hinko Nominated in *Most Admired Women Poll of Today’s Woman!*

MHC Executive Director, **Cathy Hinko**, has been nominated by the editorial staff for the eighth annual *Today’s Women* magazine *Most Admired Woman Poll*. To vote online visit **www.iamtodayswoman.com**. The poll is also on page 9 of the March issue, which is already on stands, and the deadline for entries is March 22. She is joined by several MHC allies, community friends and even MHC Board member **Dr. Renee Campbell!**

Congratulations to all the nominees!

Schedule of Events

Various Dates this Fall and Winter - Energy Management Workshops offered by Project Warm. Attendees will receive weatherization materials for their homes along with "how to" training. For the dates and times of these upcoming training opportunities, please contact Project Warm, 502-636-9276, www.projectwarm.org, Frank@projectwarm.org

March 6— We Didn't Mourn, We Organized! This event will commemorate Anne Braden's life and celebrate Women's History Month and International Women's Day. Saturday, March 6th, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nia Center, 2900 W Broadway in Louisville. For more information, call 502-778-8130.

March 9— Fair Housing Coalition meeting. New Directions, 1000 E. Liberty, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

March 13 – Everybody Eats: Ingredients for Change 2nd Annual Louisville Food Summit, Meyzeek Middle School. Anyone who eats is welcome! The event is FREE but all attendees must register or they will not be admitted. Activities for ages 11-18 organized by YouthBuild's Young Money group and childcare for ages 3-10 (children MUST be preregistered). To register or to view the summit events, call 502.775.4041 or visit www.communityfarmalliance.org.

March 16 – Louisville Vacant Properties Campaign Meeting. Presbyterian Community Center, 701 Hancock, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

March 18 – Nonprofit Housing Alliance Meeting. New Directions, 1000 E. Liberty, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

April 13 – Celebrating 50 Years of the KY Human Relation Commission! April is Fair Housing month and a great time to remember where we came from and where we are going. Please save the date for this forum which will examine each of the protected classes. 5:30-7:00 p.m. Location TBD.

April 13— Fair Housing Coalition meeting. New Directions, 1000 E. Liberty, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

April 15 – Nonprofit Housing Alliance Meeting. New Directions, 1000 E. Liberty, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

April 20 – Louisville Vacant Properties Campaign Meeting. Presbyterian Community Center, 701 Hancock, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Fist Multi-Family Energy Star Rated Building in Louisville

St. Denis Senior Apartments are nearing completion just south of the Watterson Expressway at 4209 Cane Run Road. This project, which was co-developed by **Housing Partnership Incorporated** and **Catholic Charities**, involved the conversion of a school into 34 units of affordable housing for seniors. But this innovative group of partners didn't simply build 34 new homes, they built these apartments in an environmentally sound and aggressively efficient way. Using recycling techniques, a solar water heating system, and following Energy Star guidelines, St. Denis Senior Apartments will be the first (20 units or more) multi-family Energy Star rated building in Louisville, and one of the first in the state of Kentucky.

Here are some numbers:

- This project recycled 20 tons of metal, 295.8 tons of concrete and 691.7 tons of Asphalt. Total Recycled Material = 1007.5 tons or 59,264.7 lbs per unit
- The Solar Water Heating System which cost \$67,167.00 is comprised of 2 8-panel arrays solar and heat exchange loop pumps, (2) 250 gallon water storage tanks, as well as a 99,000 BTU back up water heater. The cost per unit cost is \$1,975.50, with a simple payback schedule of 12.4 years, and an annual life cycle savings of \$5,413 (\$159.20 per unit/resident).

Good job to two long time MHC members **Housing Partnership Incorporated** and **Catholic Charities** on this remarkable project!



To submit your community events, please email Phoenix at phoenix@metropolitanhousing.org.

Remember MHC in the New Year!

As an MHC Member you:

- **Support** the creation of long-term solutions to our community's affordable housing crisis
- **Join** the diverse coalition of 200 individual and 150 organizational members which make up our far-reaching base
- **Receive** our monthly newsletter and published reports on timely housing issues that touch the Metro Louisville region and beyond
- **Advertise** your events in our printed and electronic newsletters and link your website to ours
- **Most important of all**, you will have your voice heard at this historic and critical time!

For membership questions, please call the office at (502) 584-6858 to talk to Phoenix or to make an online donation, visit us on the web at www.metrophanhousing.org



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